

# Broadwell

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**October/November 2025***



**BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH**

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## From the Editor:

A busy time of the year with lots going on and plenty to squeeze in as we work our way to Christmas...

So no more words from me and on with the many welcome contributions. Enjoy your Chapel and community newsletter!

**Keith Read – Editor**

## Suggested Bible Readings:

**October 5th**, Lamentations 1 vv 1-6 & Luke 17 vv 5-10; **12th**, Jeremiah 29 vv 1 & 4-7 & Luke 17 vv 1-8; **19th**, Jeremiah 31 vv 27-34 & Luke 18 vv 1-8; **26th**, Joel 2 vv 23-32 & Luke 18 vv 9-14,

**November 2nd**, Habakkuk 1 vv 1-4 & ch 2 vv 1-4 & Luke 19 vv 1-10; **9th**, Haggai 1 vv 15b-ch 2 v 9 & Luke 20 vv 27-38; **16th**, Isaiah 65 vv 17-25 & Luke 21 vv 5-19; **23rd**, Jeremiah 23 vv 1-6 & Luke 23 vv 33-43; **30th**, (Advent) Isaiah 2 vv 1-5 & Mathew 24 vv 36-44.

### Your news for the December/January edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 19th November** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Friday 21st November.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions **at any time**. Early copy always gets a good show!

The e-mail address is:

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(Take care to get two Rs in the middle!)

Or jot down your contribution and drop it in at *Hawthorn Cottage*, Broadwell.

Many thanks!

## Remember in Prayer:

We remember in our prayers our village and parish communities, especially all who are unwell: those in hospital and those recuperating at home. We trust they will soon be well on the road to recovery

We continue to think of those who have suffered the loss of family and friends, especially those within our own parish and we trust they will find comfort in knowing others care.

With the recent start of the new school year we remember those involved with the world of education, especially staff and pupils who have changed schools and colleges. We pray that they will soon settle in and enjoy their new surroundings

After experiencing such a long time with little rain it is good to once again see fields and gardens looking green. While we give thanks for the rain, we remember those areas of the world suffering drought and famine and other extreme weather conditions

We pray for all who are suffering violence, injustice and deprivation and continue to pray for peace among the nations of the world.

May our prayers be the means of bringing some hope and comfort to those in need.

***Lord, in Your mercy...  
Hear our prayers***

## VJ-Day Commemoration:

The coffee morning held at Broadwell Methodist Church to commemorate VJ-Day and the end of World War 2 was well attended.

As a result, £200 was raised and will



be divided between The Royal British Legion and Broadwell Methodist Church.

The decorated gates and the cross were, as for VE-Day, beautifully prepared and much interest was shown in the history of the chapel on display through, documents, pictures and other memorabilia.

Many thanks to those who organised the commemoration, those who provided and served refreshments and to all who came on the day to support the event.

## Coffee mornings:

Coffee Mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are welcome to join us, for tea or coffee and

light refreshments, between 10.30am and 12-noon.

Our next coffee mornings will be on October 8th and November 12th.

Please do join us if you are able.



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## Flower Show gains a trophy – but is losing Chairman

It may have been because of the risk of showers that the number of people attending Broadwell Flower Show was down considerably this year. This also meant that the number of entries was down... However, everyone who attended seemed to have a good time and that is what the show is all about!

This year was the first year that Pat Toole was not present and, for me especially as I conducted the auction, he was sorely missed. In his honour we had a new award to present – The Pat Toole Memorial Cup.

Pat was always an entrant at the Flower Show as well as holding various positions of office and conducting the auction. He never missed entering a cake that he'd baked. Therefore we presented his Memorial Cup to the winner of the best overall fruit cake.

There is a back story to this as Pat and Jean Adams (a previous resident of Broadwell also sadly no longer with us) would always argue as to whether the winner of the gentlemen's fruit cake or the winner of the ladies' class was the best! By presenting Pat's cup to the overall winner, his memory will live on in future years.

This year the show made a profit of about £520, around half of last year's total. From this a donation to the Riding for the Disabled Association will be made.

A big thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the show, to all the stall holders and to all of you who came along to enjoy the day. Without you the show would not happen.

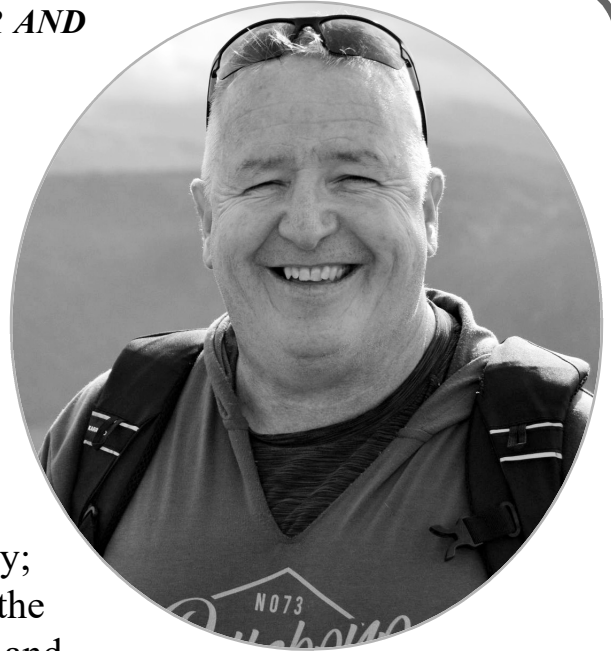
In other news, after just over 30 years of being first the Secretary and then the Chairman, I am stepping down and letting someone else take over. Thank you to all of you, especially my ever-suffering family, who have supported me over those 30-plus years. Without you I couldn't have done it.

**Martin Wibberley.** 3

# LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

## The Rev'd Brian Hutton

***"THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND  
BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP, JUST  
AS YOU ARE DOING."  
1 Thessalonians 5:11***



***Dear Friends,***

As the kids and grandchildren return to school and university, and as we continue to navigate life and its challenges where we live in Broadwell and the surrounding areas, I pray for a kinder, gentler start to the year.

With the ever-increasing demands of life and family; with farming consequences of climate-shifts; with the pressures of technological advances and with wars and conflicts rising, I pray for a kinder gentler start as we head into Autumn and winter.

It is far-too easy to slip into being discouraged or disillusioned with our lives... Easy to slip into the world view of sceptical cynicism or incessant complaining – whether in text or in voice – rather than in celebration or gratitude...

So the little verse nestled in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 invites us, together, to cultivate a counter-cultural, faith-inspiring attitude of encouraging others and seeking to build each other up. The courage to encourage! And it invites us to even build and encourage those whom we dislike!

Jesus was good at encouraging others and building them up. This didn't mean he was shy to challenge and guide them; but He always built them up.

Encouraging others means we authentically choose to offer words of life that remind ourselves and others of our value in God's eyes.

And so, this is my prayer for us all:

***May the needed change and transformation in our lives enter slowly and softly.  
May the year's rhythms and responsibilities lead you towards joy and gratitude  
rather than complaint.***

***May we share less judgement, curb gossip and criticism and be grateful for one  
another.***

***And may we find the reflection and rest we need.***

***Amen.***

***Sincerely,  
Rev'd Brian.***

## Marquee move for Community Songs of Praise...

On Sunday 14th September the Community Songs of Praise Service had to be hastily moved from the Flower Show marquee on The Green to the Methodist Church, **writes Glenys Caunter**. This was due to it being necessary to take down the tents before the rain and very strong winds that were forecast to reach Broadwell around midday.

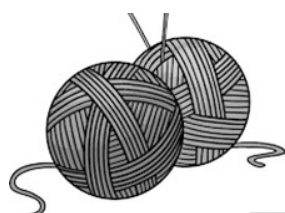
In addition, Riding for the Disabled (who own the tentage) informed us that everything was due to be stored for winter immediately after the Flower Show and therefore needed to be put away dry.

We were pleased to see those who were able to attend the service, when we enjoyed singing modern and traditional hymns, accompanied by Robin Coling. The service was ably led by our Steward, Paul Crawford.

Many thanks to Paul and Robin and all who helped to smoothly make the essential last-minute arrangements.

The service collection amounted to £73 with a further £10 added from donations for welcome refreshments served in the Victory Hall following the service. A donation of £83 will be donated to Riding for the Disabled, which is this year's Flower-Show nominated charity.

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### Knit & Natter's next stitches!



These popular social gatherings – with knitting, crafts, tea, cake and a good chat – at their heart – meet at the Victory Hall on the first Wednesday in the month. Sessions run from from 2pm until 4pm. The next Knit-and-Natter meetings are on October 1st and November 5th. “Come and enjoy a chat with tea and cake,” says organiser Elizabeth Murray. “All are invited, and you are welcome to come along with or without a craft! For more information, please contact me on 01926 815466.”

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### A request for Christmas angels from Rosemary...

Every year, just before Christmas, dozens of knitted angels mysteriously appear on fence posts, gates and bushes in gardens around Broadwell and many other communities throughout the nation. The angels are knitted by volunteers.

Could you be one of those volunteers and knit some angels for Rosemary? She would be most grateful if you could.

Rosemary has the pattern if you'd like a copy and she suggests that even if you're not a knitter, perhaps you could sew up some angels knitted by others! You can contact Rosemary on 01926 813857.



# Shoebox appeal 2025: can you fill a shoebox – or more?

**By Chrissy Read**

This year has gone so quickly and it's time once again to think about Christmas shoeboxes for children in Eastern Europe. Every year the need feels greater than ever with the developing situation in Ukraine getting worse rather than better despite the attempts by world leaders to promote peace talks...

If you are able, would you please be kind enough to fill a box – or boxes – for children who have become orphans or who have experienced family trauma and are unlikely to receive anything at Christmas? There are so many of them in countries throughout Eastern Europe.

Your kindness will be so appreciated.

Our deadline for getting filled shoeboxes to me is **Tuesday 18th November**. You can drop them at Hawthorn Cottage, Hayway Lane, Broadwell at any time before the 18th. If you're unable to deliver them, please call me (01926 813603) and one of us will willingly collect them from you.

Also, if you don't have suitable shoeboxes, we have purchased ready-creased flat sheets that you simply fold into the perfect box with a lid. And they don't need to be covered in Christmas wrapping paper. Call me if you need some. Many thanks!

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## Tea & chat:

All are welcome at Leamington Hastings Almshouses for tea and a chat on October 29th, at 2.30pm, and on November 26th at 2pm.

Please note the earlier start time in November. This is due to British summer time ending in October.

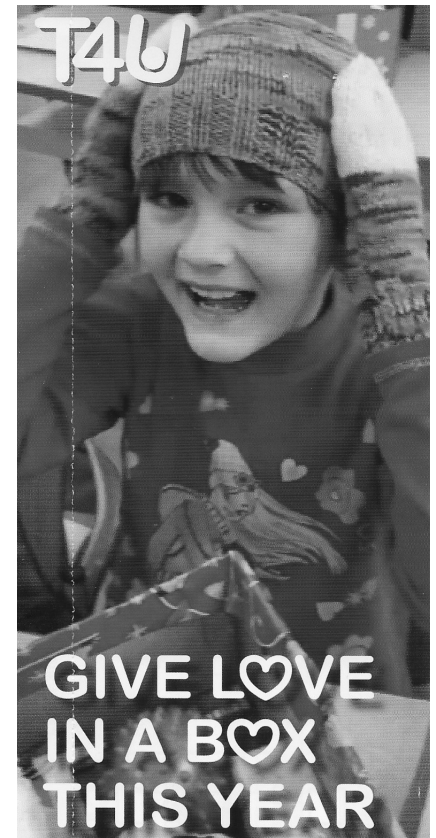
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### Christmas Fayre:

The Trustees' annual Christmas Fayre will take place in the Victory Hall on 29th. November, **writes Stuart Barrie**.



The doors will open at 2pm and, as usual, Santa will be there with



presents for the children as well as stalls, tombola, refreshments and our BIG hamper raffle. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Church Council:

The next Church Council meeting will be held in the Schoolroom at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7.30pm. Please attend if possible.

## Thank-you Mr Milkman!

Chapel Members would like to thank our milkman, John, for his kind milk donation to the Harvest Supper held on Monday 29th September. A report on all the Harvest Festival weekend events will appear in the next (December/January 2026) edition of *Broadwell Mail*.

# Time to don those walking boots for Pudsey!

**By Bob & Linda Haynes**

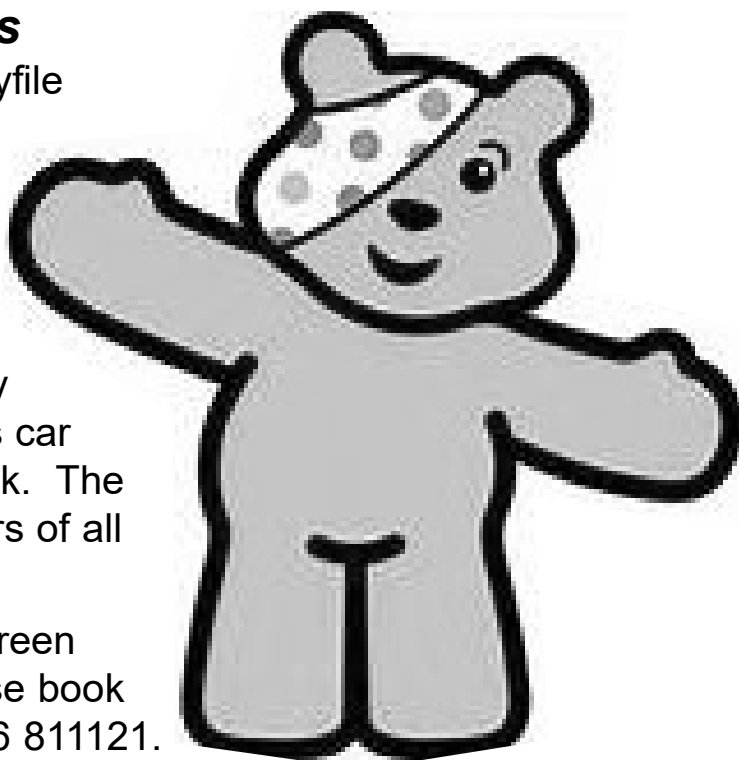
It is nearly time for our local BBC Countryfile Children-in-need ramble that has been raising money for this great charity for many years as well as enabling friends and neighbours to enjoy a little gentle exercise and a highly-sociable day!

You are all welcome to join us on Sunday 5th October at 10am in The Green Man's car park at Long Itchington for our 5-mile walk. The route is not at all difficult and suits walkers of all abilities.

Lunch is available from 12-noon in the Green Man at the conclusion of the walk. Please book yourselves in by calling the pub on 01926 811121.

Donations will be collected on the day and sent to Children in Need. An official receipt from the BBC will be published in a future edition of *Broadwell Mail*.

We are usually lucky with the weather. So fingers crossed for October 5th! If you have any questions, please call us on 01926 813642.



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## Time to Change:

A reminder that British Summer time ends on Sunday October 26th, when we need to put our clocks back by one hour.



# Fall Back!

Remember to move  
your clocks  
back one  
hour.



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## Belated birthday greetings:

Congratulations and best wishes to Daphne Morgan, who celebrated her 90th birthday in August – just a few weeks after Bruce celebrated his 91st in July...

Daphne would like to thank you for all the lovely cards and messages she received. Your greetings and kind thoughts were very much appreciated.

Daphne celebrated her 90th with a family party at her home.

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## More improvements at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall...

Following the recent redecorating and fitting of blinds to all windows, LH Parish Hall now has a sparkling new finish to the floors in the main hall and small committee room. Contractors have sanded and resealed the tongue-and-grooved floor boards making them look like new again – just perfect for dancing!

# Jonathan Arthur Dimbleby:

**4th July 1952 - 19th July 2025**

Eagle-eyed visitors to our VE-Day and VJ-Day events will have seen among the photo albums and Chapel memorabilia Jonathan's name and face. He grew up in a family firmly part of Broadwell Chapel. His mother, Judith, was a Chapel organist. Not surprising therefore that he had unshakable faith – a faith that was to play a significant part in the final years of his life when diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Jonathan's funeral service was conducted by The Rev'd Philip Price at LH Parish Church on Thursday 21st August. "I first met Jonathan on Christmas Eve 2023, just after his diagnosis," explained Philip.

"I was amazed to find a man completely at peace. It was clear that his faith was a central factor in how he lived his life. And it would shape the way he approached the end of his life."

Although he farmed at Valley Farm, Kites Hardwick, Jonathan did not want his service to be about farming or his achievements. He left explicit instructions regarding every aspect of the day...

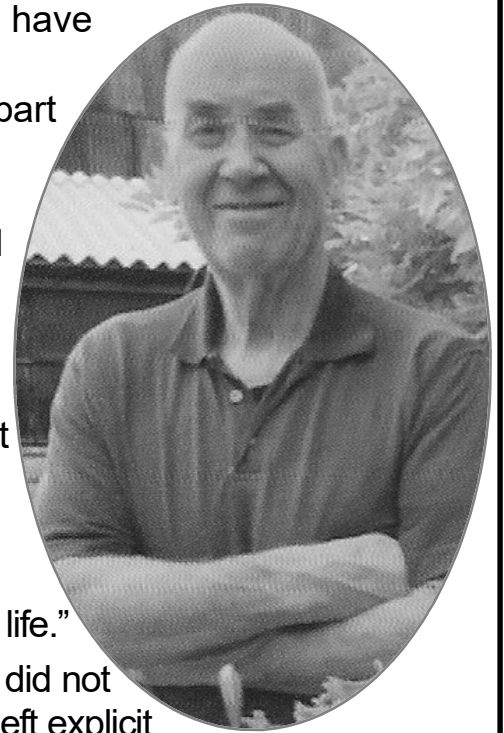
"Jonathan put his trust in Jesus," said Philip. "Which means we can be sure and confident – just as he was – that God is going to welcome him into heaven. Jonathan's peace wasn't rooted in himself, but in Jesus."

"Jonathan asked for John 14 verses 1 to 6 to be read at this service. He specifically asked for one extra verse to be included from later on in the conversation – verse 27: *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'*

"Those are the words Jonathan wanted ringing in our ears today," said Philip. "They take us right back to what I saw in him after his diagnosis – a peace that didn't make sense in human terms, but which flowed from trusting Jesus. He didn't want us to look at his life and achievements, but at the source of his peace."

"And maybe for you, today is a chance not just to admire Jonathan's faith but to explore that same hope for yourself; to see whether this peace and confidence in Jesus might be something you can experience too and, like him, claim as your own."

***\*The editor is grateful to The Rev'd Philip Price for his tribute note to Jonathan, which has been abridged here.***



## Christmas Carol Service date for your diaries:

This year's Carol Service at Broadwell Methodist Church, led by our Minister, The Rev'd Brian Hutton, will be on Sunday, December 21st at 4pm.

The Carol Service is always a joyful occasion and a lovely prelude to Christmas and all that the festive season brings. So please make a note of the time and date now and join us if you are able.

All are most welcome and we would love to see as many of you as possible. Tea, coffee and mincepies will be served after the service. Please do join us!



# That was the (hot summer) season – that was!

*By Susan Turner*

The club have enjoyed a truly hot season of bowls... We may not have won every game we played. But we have had plenty of fun trying!

This year – 2025 – Leamington Hastings Bowls Club has been celebrating its 40th anniversary. And on Sunday 14th September a gathering of members, past and present (with the toast, of course, being Absent Friends), enjoyed an informal roll-up and a lovely afternoon tea.

Club photographs and trophies were on display triggering shared memories, laughter and lots of chatting.

Our outdoor season has now come to an end and we have begun playing indoor short-mat bowls. Please come along and play what is a really social and interesting game. All are very welcome! We meet every Wednesday at 2pm until 4pm in Leamington Hastings Parish Hall.

You can enjoy playing three times before deciding to join the club. You don't even need special equipment.

Just wear loose clothing and flat shoes. Bowls is a great way to enjoy some gentle exercise, improve co-ordination, increase muscle strength and meet new people. A little warning here; we like to have a laugh and we can get quite loud!

So if all that isn't enough to entice you to come and have a go, we also stop for tea and a biscuit or two. And, unlike some sports venues, parking your car at the Parish Hall is free! You can find us – and join our Club – on Facebook. So why not take a look now?

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the years of work that John Goode gave during his time as President and Treasurer of LH Bowls Club. John passed away on 25th July and our thoughts and best wishes go to Doris, Betty and all family members.

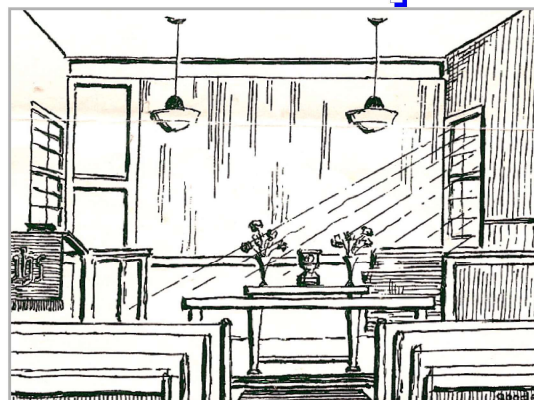


*Short-mat indoor bowls is fun!  
Library photo.*

# Broadwell Methodist Chapel

## Preachers for October & November

*All services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated.*



October	5th	Chapel Anniversary, service led by Miss Kate Hitchcox.
October	19th	Mr Jeff Wells
November	2nd	Holy Communion, The Rev'd Brian Hutton
November	16th	Mr Mick Roberts
November	23rd	At 4pm, Circuit Service at Daventry.
November	30th	Fellowship and coffee.

## Flower rota

October:	5th	Daphne Morgan
	18th	Rosemary Chapman
November:	2nd	Carla Tucker
	16th	Annegret Morgan
December	7th	Joyce Latham



## Cleaning rota (for week ending):



October:	4th	Sharon Barnes
	18th	Rosemary Chapman
November:	1st	Carla Tucker
	15th	Wendy Williamson
	29th	Valerie Bostock
December	6th	Angela Woolliscroft

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